

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12, 14-16, 18 and 20 are pending.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-12, 14-16, 18 and 20 were rejected on the grounds of a nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection for the reasons stated on pages of 2-3 of the Action. Applicants have provided a terminal disclaimer over the primary reference along with the authorization to pay the requisite fees. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1-12, 14-16, 18, and 20 would be allowable if the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is overcome. Applicants have submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that all objections and rejections be withdrawn and solicit a prompt notice of allowability. In the alternative, Applicants invite the Office to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Office's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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